



LLOYDS TSB FOUNDATION FOR SCOTLAND **OVERSEAS GRANT SCHEME - CRITERIA & PRINCIPLES 2007**

Criteria

Proposals should be for work with fragile communities overseas which are managed from Scotland. Subject to that principle, the scheme particularly invites applications:

- For projects which build the capacity of organisations overseas, and develop their ability to advocate on behalf of the people and issues to which they seek to deliver relief.
- For costs associated with managing volunteer recruitment, training costs and expenses associated with running overseas volunteering programmes which particularly focus on the development and transfer of skills.
- Which support either the initiation or continuation of sustainable indigenous projects overseas.
- For costs associated with bringing people from overseas locations to Scotland for training, development and study, in so far as skills gained can be applied to future sustainable development in areas of need.

It is proposed that we attempt not to respond to major disasters in the immediate period following such an event although support may be given in certain circumstances.

Principles

The undernoted principles will apply and be considered when assessing applications. Support will be considered for projects demonstrating one or more of the following:

- Encourage empowerment by consulting and involving users.
- Encourage partnership with overseas indigenous NGO's and government agencies.
- Demonstrate plans for sustainability beyond the period of the grant, to avoid creating financial dependency.
- Help and encourage independent living and development of life skills.
- Provide opportunities for improving quality of life e.g. skills training across all age bands.
- Represent and promote the needs of people through advocacy, advice, information and support – in particular for people with mental health problems, physical and learning disabilities and the elderly.



Principles (cont)

- Demonstrate a collaborative approach by networking with other agencies/providers to avoid duplication of services.
- Demonstrate equality of opportunity.
- Demonstrate measures which alleviate discrimination.
- Demonstrate good evaluation and monitoring procedures.
- Adopt preventative measures and stimulate early intervention programmes.
- Display the capacity of local management to carry out project proposals and achieve the widest possible community participation.
- Recognise cultural diversity and particular needs that may arise.
- Demonstrate care for the safety of children and vulnerable adults – in particular by adopting recognised codes of conduct and best practice.

Some Essential Points

- Applicant organisations must be registered as a charity in Scotland.
- The project must be managed from Scotland.
- Support is available for new initiatives as well as established services/projects. Both are seen as having equal value.
- Funding for capital and/or running costs is available.
- Two categories of application are available – a small grant application form for awards under £2,500, and a standard form for awards over £2,500. Applicants must choose one or the other.
- Submissions must be presented on the application form; guidance notes are available to assist with its completion.
- Applications are invited seeking awards over one, two or three years. Where an award is made over one year, re-application is not possible until at least 12 months has elapsed from the date that the original grant was awarded. Where a multi year award has been granted no further applications will be considered until 12 months has elapsed from the date of the final scheduled payment.
- Our Criteria & Principles have been established in conjunction with our voluntary sector associates. Consideration has been given to the Millennium Development Goals and it would be helpful for applicants to demonstrate, where appropriate, how these are addressed within projects for which funding is sought.



What We Don't Fund

- ✘ Organisations which are not formally recognised as charities.
- ✘ Charities which make payments to individuals who also hold a position as Director/Member on the Board or Management Committee. This principle also applies to charities operating as Collectives.
- ✘ Individuals – including students.
- ✘ Animal welfare.
- ✘ Environmental projects e.g. geographic and scenic, conservation and protection of flora and fauna.
- ✘ Sponsorship or marketing appeals.
- ✘ Establishment/preservation of endowment funds.
- ✘ Organisations that collect funds for subsequent grant making to other organisations and/or individuals.
- ✘ Retrospective funding.
- ✘ Promotion of religion.